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Republican Honolulu City Councilman Charles Djou addresses his supporters, Saturday, May 22, 2009 in Honolulu. He is the first Republican in decades to be elected to the 1st Congressional District seat representing urban Honolulu, President Barack Obama's hometown.

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OH HAPPY DAY



Jason Day of Australia, leaps into the arms of his caddy Colin Swatton after winning the Byron Nelson Championship tournament, Sunday, May 23, 2010, in Irving, Texas.

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Oil is seen on the tip of the bill of an oil-soaked pelican on an island in Barataria Bay just off the the coast of Louisiana, Sunday, May 23, 2010. The island, which is home to hundreds of brown pelican nests as well as terns, gulls and roseate spoonbills, is impacted by oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Associated Press

Yemeni cleric calls for killing U.S. civilians

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CAIRO (AP) — A U.S.-born cleric who has encouraged Muslims to kill American soldiers called for the killing of U.S. civilians in his first video released by a Yemeni offshoot of al-Qaida, providing the most overt link yet between the radical preacher and the terror group.

Dressed in a white Yemeni robe, turban and with a traditional jambiyah dagger tucked into

his waistband, Anwar Al-Awlaki used the 45-minute video posted Sunday to justify civilian deaths — and encourage them — by accusing the United States of intentionally killing a million Muslim civilians in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

American civilians are to blame, he said, because “the American people, in general, are taking part in this and they elected this administration and they are financing the war.”

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As spill grows, oil soaks delicate marshes, birds

GREG BLUESTEIN

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BARATARIA BAY, Louisiana (AP) — As officials approached to survey the damage the Gulf oil spill caused in coastal marshes, some brown pelicans couldn't fly away Sunday. All they could do was hobble.

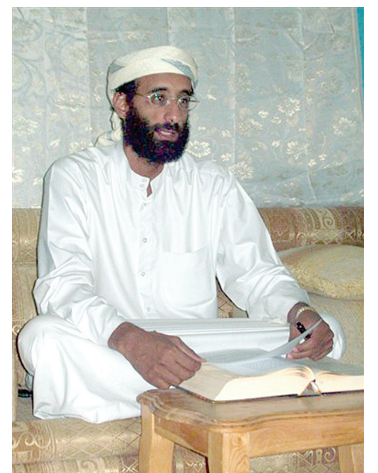
Several pelicans were coated in oil on Barataria Bay off Louisiana, their usually brown and white feathers now jet black. Pelican eggs were glazed with rust-colored gunk, and new hatchlings and nests were also coated with crude.

It is unclear if the area can even be cleaned, or if the birds can be saved. It is also unknown how much of the Gulf Coast will end up looking the same way because of a well that has spewed untold millions of gallons of oil since an offshore rig exploded more than a month ago.

“As we talk, a total of more than 65 miles of our shoreline now has been oiled,” said Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, who announced new efforts to keep the spill from spreading.

A mile-long tube operating for about a week has siphoned off more than half a million gallons in the past week, but it began sucking up oil at a slower rate over the weekend. Even at its best the effort did not capture all the oil leaking, and the next attempt to stanch the flow won't be put into action until at least Tuesday.

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This Oct. 2008 file photo provided by Muhammad ud-Deen shows Imam Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen.

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600 museums offer military families free admission



In this May 20, 2004 file photo, visitors pass through the Museum of Modern Art in New York. More than 600 museums nationwide are offering free admission to military families all summer in a new partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

Associated Press

By **BRETT ZONGKER**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – More than 600 museums nationwide are offering free admission to military families all summer in a new partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

The list includes some of the nation's premier art museums, including New York's Museum of Modern Art and the Art Institute of Chicago, as well as science centers, children's museums and other sites in all 50 states.

The program, called Blue Star Museums, is being announced Monday in San Diego, where 14 museums will participate. The offer for active duty military personnel and their families runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

It was the brainchild of Kathy Roth-Douquet, chairwoman of the group Blue Star Families. Her husband, Marine Corps Col. Greg Douquet, is on his third deployment to

Afghanistan.

"You can feel a little alone in America right now, being part of the 1 percent that's involved in fighting these wars," she said, adding that the recession has changed priorities for many people. "When the kids and I go to museums this summer, we know we're being welcomed. It will make us feel less alone."

Roth-Douquet, who lives in Parris Island, S.C., said military bases are sometimes far from cultural centers, though museums can be a good escape.

The Defense Department is helping to promote the offer, and Roth-Douquet said some military bases may coordinate bus trips.

When her family was based in London for a time, she and her son and daughter spent an entire summer visiting museums because many were free. As a result, she said, her 8-year-old son Charlie now

draws for hours each day.

This summer, they're planning a road trip along the East Coast to visit museums. Normally, a \$20 ticket to MoMA in New York might rule it out, she said. Now they could also stop for free at Washington's Corcoran Gallery of Art or New York's Jewish Museum.

NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman said he was surprised by how many museums joined the effort, despite the poor economy, from the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum to the International Quilt Study Center and Museum in Nebraska.

"I think it is good karma for the museums," he said. "Long-term, it promotes museum-going and engagement with the arts."

Also, over Memorial Day weekend in New York City, Sen. Kristen Gillibrand has announced more than 50 museums and historic sites will offer free admission to military personnel and veterans. □

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SPILL GROWS

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Obama administration officials continued defending their response while criticizing that of BP PLC, which leased the rig and is responsible for the cleanup. U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said he is “not completely” confident that BP knows what it’s doing.

“If we find they’re not doing what they’re supposed to be doing, we’ll push them out of the way appropriately,” Salazar said. But federal officials have acknowledged that BP has expertise that they lack in stopping the deep-water leak.

With oil pushing at least 12 miles into Louisiana’s marshes and two major pelican rookeries now coated in crude, Jindal said the state has begun work on chain of berms, reinforced with containment booms, that would skirt the state’s coastline.

Jindal, who visited one of the affected nesting grounds Sunday, said the berms would close the door on oil still pouring from a mile-deep gusher about 50 miles out in the Gulf. The berms would be made with sandbags and sand hauled in; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also is considering a broader plan that would use dredging to build sand berms across more of the barrier islands.

At least 6 million gallons of crude have spewed into the Gulf, though some scientists have said they believe the spill already surpasses the 11 million-gallon 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill off Alaska as the worst in U.S. history.

In Barataria Bay, orange oil had made its way a good 6 inches onto the shore, coating grasses and the nests of brown pelicans in mangrove trees. Just six months ago, the birds had been removed from the federal endangered species list.

The pelicans struggled to clean the crude from their bodies, splashing in the water and preening themselves. One stood at the edge of the island with its wings lifted slightly, its head drooping — so encrusted in oil it couldn’t fly.

Wildlife officials tried to rescue oil-soaked pelicans Sunday, but they suspended their efforts after spooking

the birds. They weren’t sure whether they would try again. U.S. Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Stacy Shelton said it is sometimes better to leave the animals alone than to disturb their colony.

Pelicans are especially vulnerable to oil. Not only could they eat tainted fish and feed it to their young, but they could die of hypothermia or drowning if they’re soaked in oil.

Globs of oil have soaked through containment booms set up in the area. Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser said BP needed to send more booms. He said it would be up to federal wildlife authorities to decide whether to try to clean the oil that has already washed ashore.

“The question is, will it do more damage because this island is covered with the mess?” Nungesser said.

Officials have considered some drastic solutions for cleaning the oil — like burning or flooding the marshes — but they may have to sit back and let nature take care of it.

Plants and pelican eggs could wind up trampled to death by well-meaning humans. If the marshes are too dry, setting them ablaze could burn plants to the roots and obliterate the wetlands.

Flooding might help by floating out the oil, but it also could wash away the natural barriers to flooding from hurricanes and other disasters — much like hurricanes Katrina and Rita washed away marshlands in 2005. State and federal officials spent millions rebuilding the much-needed buffer against tropical storms. The spill’s impact now stretches across 150 miles, from Dauphin Island, Alabama to Grand Isle, Louisiana.

On Sunday, oil reached an 1,150-acre oyster ground leased by Belle Chasse, Louisiana, fisherman Dave Cvitanovich. He said cleanup crews were stringing lines of absorbent boom along the surrounding marshes, but that still left large clumps of rust-colored oil floating over his oyster beds. Mature oysters might eventually filter out the crude and become fit for sale, but this year’s crop of spate, or young oysters, will perish. “Those will die in the oil,” Cvitanovich said. “It’s



Military vehicles dump material as they build a berm across an opening in the beach just west of Grand Isle, La. on Monday, May 10, 2010 in an effort to protect the delicate marsh lands from the approaching oil slick moving westward from the Deepwater Horizon spill.

Associated Press

inevitable.”

Each day the spill grows, so does anger with the government and BP. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa P. Jackson was headed Sunday to Louisiana, where she planned to visit with frustrated residents.

Salazar and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano were to lead a Senate delegation to the region on Monday to fly over affected areas and keep an eye on the response.

The leak may not be completely stopped until a relief well is dug, a project that could take months. Another effort that BP said will begin Tuesday at the earliest will shoot heavy mud, and then cement, into the blown well, but that method has never been attempted before in mile-deep water and engineers are not sure it will work.

The only thing that has kept leaking oil out of the Gulf so far is the mile-long tube siphoning oil from the well to a ship. BP spokesman John Curry told The Associated Press on Sunday that it siphoned some 57,120 gallons of oil within the past 24 hours, a sharp drop from the 92,400 gallons of oil a day that the device was sucking up on Friday.

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GOP wins House seat in Obama's home district



Republican Honolulu City Councilman Charles Djou addresses his supporters, Saturday, May 22, 2009 in Honolulu. Djou defeated former U.S. Rep. Ed Case and Hawaii State Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, both Democrats in a special election to fill the seat vacated by Democrat Neil Abercrombie who resigned from Congress to run for governor. He is the first Republican in decades to be elected to the 1st Congressional District seat representing urban Honolulu, President Barack Obama's hometown. Stacey Djou, left, Djou's wife, holds their daughter Alli, as his daughter Tori, bottom left, and son Nick, far right, look on.

Associated Press

By HERBERT A. SAMPLE
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HONOLULU — Republicans cited Rep.-elect Charles Djou's victory for a seat long out of their reach as evidence of steadily increasing election-year strength, but Democrats said Sunday the winner's 40-percent vote share portends a short stay in Congress for him and predicts nothing about the fall.

"It is a significant win. It is the birthplace of the president of the United States," Republican Chairman Michael Steele said a few hours after Djou sealed his victory over Democrats Colleen Hanabusa and Ed Case. The two drew 59 percent of the vote between them in the winner-take-all contest.

But Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., chairman of the Democratic campaign

committee, said the result was "a clear case of local Democrats not being able to work out a solution where you could get one (Democratic) candidate against one (Republican candidate)." He said that would change by November.

Djou became the first Republican in nearly 20 years to win a congressional seat from his state, and he seemed to recognize that his political future was anything but secure.

At a Honolulu press conference Sunday, he said holding the seat in November will require "an enormous amount of hard work" and "a good message of fiscal responsibility that connects with the voters. That's the only way I've ever run." Hanabusa said she will run again, while Case was noncommittal.

Djou will replace Neil Abercrombie, a 10-term Democrat who resigned to run for governor.

Djou said Sunday he may be sworn in as early as Tuesday. He said he wants to get right to work, mainly on budget issues, and said he hopes to work on the House armed services and natural resources committees, as Abercrombie did.

The victory was a consolation prize of sorts for national Republicans, who lost a special election in Pennsylvania last week that both parties had said was something of a bellwether for the fall. A week ago GOP officials had confidently

predicted they would win both races in a demonstration of their political strength five months before the fall elections.

Instead the loss of the seat for the final few months of the late Rep. John Murtha's term set off a round of grumbling as party officials vowed to figure out what went wrong.

Democrats virtually conceded the Hawaii race earlier in the month, after quiet diplomacy failed to persuade either Hanabusa, a state senator, or Case, a former congressman, to withdraw to avoid splitting the vote.

The White House, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and other Democrats all appealed to Hawaii Sen. Dan Inouye to ease Hanabusa from the race, but he refused, according to several officials. Public polling at the time showed Case outpolling her, an order-of-finish that was reversed when voters cast ballots.

Djou's victory came on a weekend when party activists in two states demonstrated the same type of independence that has already spelled defeat this year for two senators and one veteran House member.

In Colorado, Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet, who was appointed to office, was outpolled by challenger Andrew Romanoff at a state Democratic assembly, a result that party officials said they anticipated. The two will meet in a primary on Aug. 10. □

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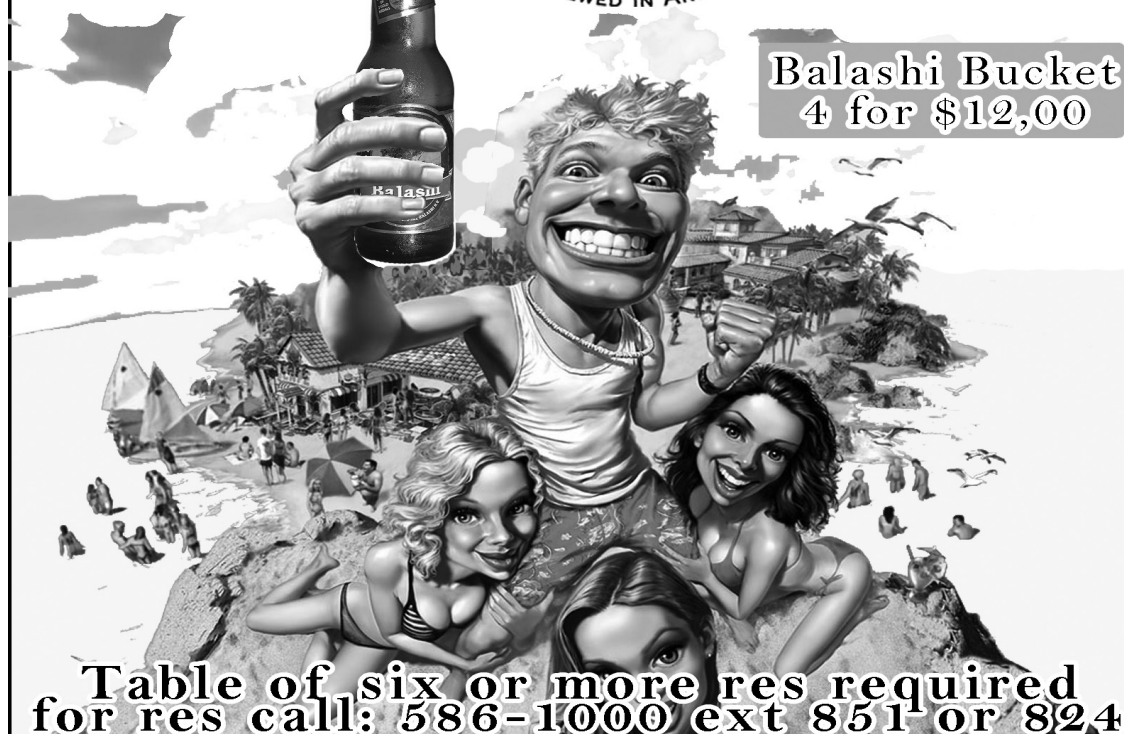


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In last NYC stop, Dalai Lama discusses kinship

KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dalai Lama said Sunday that the U.S.-led war in Iraq could perhaps have been avoided through negotiations with Saddam Hussein.

Responding to a question about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the exiled leader of Tibetan Buddhists said that Hussein was “not such a foolish person. War with America. He can’t win.”

The Dalai Lama has criticized the Iraq war effort in the past. He did not offer any solutions to continued violence there.

“Now, I don’t know,” he said.

The Nobel Prize winner appeared at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine after wrapping up four days of teaching at Radio City Music Hall.

Nearly 2,000 people, including actors Richard Gere and Naomi Watts, filled the cavernous Gothic cathedral to hear the man whom followers believe to be the reincarnation of his predecessors.

Billed as a panel discussion on “Kinship and its Meaning in Our World Today,” the event was more of a free-floating meditation on ecumenicism.

As is his usual practice, the 74-year-old Dalai Lama smiled broadly and chuckled at his own remarks.

“Whether you like it or not, there are different traditions,” he said, laughing. “And no one can change that.”

Recalling a 2001 visit to the Roman Catholic shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, the Dalai Lama said the statue of the Virgin Mary appeared to smile at him.

“Maybe, my eyes, something wrong,” he said. But he said that although he is a Buddhist, “Mary I always revere as a symbol of compassion.”

The Dalai Lama dropped names of Christian leaders including Mother Teresa, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Trappist monk Thomas Merton.

“His boot — very big, like Army boot,” he said of Merton, who died in 1968. “His hat — very shiny.”

Joining the Dalai Lama on the panel were two Muslims, American Eboo Patel, a member of the Obama administration’s Faith Advisory Council, and Sakena Yacoobi, executive director of the Afghan Institute of Learning, which provides education and health care in Afghanistan. Patel, the founder of the Chicago-based Interfaith Youth Core, said, “I think one of the great questions of our era is this: Is religion going to be a barrier of division? Is it going to be a bomb of destruction? Or



The Dalai Lama, joined by his translator Geshe Thupten Jinpa, left, speaks during a panel discussion at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine Sunday, May 23, 2010 in New York.

Associated Press

is it going to be a bridge of cooperation?”

He called the Dalai Lama “perhaps the greatest world leader, the most beloved

global citizen, shining a light on the issue of religion as a bridge of cooperation.”

The Tibetan leader has a new book, “Toward a True

Kinship of Faiths: How the World’s Religions Can Come Together,” released this month in the U.S. by Doubleday Religion. □



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Forensic experts number the boxes recovered from the remains of the Air India Express plane that crashed in Mangalore, in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, Sunday, May 23, 2010. Investigators searching for clues as to what caused India's worst air disaster in more than a decade recovered the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder Sunday from the charred remains of the flight.

Associated Press

Black box found after fiery India plane crash

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Associated Press Writer

MANGALORE, India (AP) — As crash investigators pulled the black box from the charred, twisted wreckage of an Air India plane Sunday, Koolikkunnu Krishnan marveled that he escaped the crash alive.

Of the 166 passengers and crew aboard when the plane overshot a hilltop runway and plunged over a cliff at dawn Saturday, 158 were dead. Krishnan and just seven others survived.

"I've been thinking, 'Why me? Why me?' And I can only think that God wanted to give me a second life," he said from his hospital bed in Mangalore.

Investigators and aviation officials combed through the wreckage of the Boeing 737-800 strewn across a hillside to try to determine the cause of India's worst air disaster in more than a decade. They recovered the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder, which they hope will give them important clues, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

A four-member U.S. forensic team also arrived in India to help in the investigation, said Harpreet Singh, an Air India spokeswoman.

By Sunday evening, 146 of the 158 bodies had been identified and were being handed to grieving relatives for burial, said Arvind Jadhav, Air India's chairman and managing director.

The cause of the crash was not clear and government officials declined to speak about the status of the investigation or any possible causes of the crash. The black box would be sent to New Delhi on Monday for decoding and further investigation, they said.

The flight from Dubai to Mangalore carried many of the millions of Indians who work as cheap labor in the Middle East back to their families for a rare visit during India's summer holiday season.

Krishnan, a 45-year-old maintenance worker in Dubai, was coming back to Kasargod, his village in southern India, for the first time in two years to see his wife and two daughters.

"I was literally counting the minutes before I would reach home, while the plane was landing," he said.

After the plane touched down at Mangalore's Bajpe airport, everything seemed to be fine, he

said, but within seconds there was a shudder, the aircraft began swinging from side to side as if it had hit something and then it crashed, he said.

"People were screaming, children nearby were wailing loudly," he said.

The plane had broken apart, a fire had started and smoke was beginning to fill the aircraft, he said. Everyone was strapped into their seats.

"I struggled to open my seat belt and then climbed out of the plane. Then I hung onto the roots of a tree and crawled uphill," he said.

"I didn't think of anything at the time. All I knew was that I had to get out and get far away from the plane. The fire was spreading fast. Behind me I could feel other people jumping out but I didn't turn back to look," he said.

While Krishnan suffered shockingly minor injuries — pulled shoulder muscles and a cut in his forehead — many of those trapped in the aircraft were burnt nearly beyond recognition.

"I couldn't believe that he could have survived such a major crash," said Krishnan's wife, Bindu. "It's like he's been reborn."

Aviation experts said the eight survivors were seated in the center of the aircraft, near where it broke open, and they managed to get out before a fireball engulfed the plane.

"In this case it was pure luck of the draw," said Sidney Dekker, a professor of flight safety at the School of Aviation at Sweden's Lund University. "The luck of where you are in the airplane relative to how the fuselage disintegrates going into the ravine."

But most could not escape, and dozens of their relatives arrived Sunday on special Air India flights from Dubai and the southern Indian states of Karnataka and Kerala to take the bodies of their loved ones.

Mohammed Mustafa said his brother Naseem and three other relatives had taken the flight home to attend a wedding Tuesday.

"I lost them in this tragedy. Three of them, we could identify three of them yesterday. And late night, at around 12 o'clock, we found the fourth body. Now we have come for the funeral," Mustafa said.

Many of the victims were so badly burned their relatives could not identify them and experts had to be flown in to conduct DNA tests, said S. A. Prabhakarsharana, a local official. □

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Lee: SKorea will take North to UN Security Council

By JEAN H. LEE

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president said Monday that the country will no longer tolerate North Korea's "brutality" and said the regime would pay for the surprise torpedo attack that killed 46 sailors.

President Lee Myung-bak said Seoul will take Pyongyang to the U.N. Security Council, suspend inter-Korean exchanges and ban North Korean ships from passing through its waters.

North Korea must be punished for its repeated provocations, Lee said in a solemn address to the nation from the War Memorial as he recounted the "incessant" pattern of attacks by communist North Korea, including the downing of an airliner in 1987 that killed 115 people.

Lee said South Korea was prepared to defend against any future provocations.

"We have always tolerated North Korea's brutality, time and again.

We did so because we have always had a genuine longing for peace on the Korean peninsula," Lee said.

"But now things are different. North Korea will pay a price corresponding to its provocative acts," he said. "I will continue to take stern measures to hold the North accountable."

A joint international civilian-military investigation team announced last week that their probe confirmed a North Korean torpedo sank a South Korean warship, the Cheonan, on March 26.

Fifty-eight sailors were rescued from the choppy Yellow Sea waters off the Koreas' maritime border, but 46 perished — the nation's worst military disaster since the 1950-53 Korean War.

North Korea has steadfastly denied responsibility and warned that any move to retaliate or punish Pyongyang would mean war.

The two Koreas remain technically in a state of war because the fighting ended in 1953 in a truce, not a peace treaty. U.N. Armistice Commission



South Koreans watch a live broadcast of South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's press conference at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, May 24, 2010. Lee said that Seoul will take North Korea to the U.N. Security Council over the deadly sinking of a warship in March.

Associated Press

was investigating whether the sinking of the Cheonan constituted a violation of the 1953 truce.

In Beijing, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was urging China to work with the United States to coordinate a response to the sinking of warship.

Opening high-level U.S.-China talks in Beijing, Clinton said North Korea must be held to account for the incident.

China, North Korea's main ally and benefactor, has urged restraint and has so far remained neutral on the investigation results. □




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YEMEN CLERIC*Continued from Front Page*

"Those who might be killed in a plane are merely a drop of water in a sea," he said in the video in response to a question about Muslim groups that disapproved of the airliner plot because it targeted civilians.

Al-Awlaki, who was born in New Mexico and is believed to be hiding in his parents' native Yemen, has used his personal website to encourage Muslims around the world to kill U.S. troops in Iraq.

He has emerged as a prominent al-Qaida recruiter and has been

tied by U.S. intelligence to the 9/11 hijackers, the suspects in the November shooting at an Army base in Fort Hood, Texas, and the December attempt to blow up a U.S. jetliner bound for Detroit.

For U.S. officials, al-Awlaki is of particular concern because he is one of the few English-speaking radical clerics able to explain to young Muslims in America and other Western countries the philosophy of violent jihad.

Al-Awlaki's direct role in al-Qaida — if any — remains unclear. The U.S. says he is an

active participant in the group, though members of his tribe have denied that.

However, Sunday's video provides the clearest link yet between the cleric and the terror group.

It was produced by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula's media arm, which touted the recording as its first interview with al-Awlaki. It may also indicate al-Qaida is trying to seize upon al-Awlaki's recruiting prowess by featuring him in its videos.

In the months before the Fort Hood shooting, which killed 13 people, al-Awlaki exchanged e-mails with the alleged attacker, U.S. Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan. Hasan initiated the contacts, drawn by al-Awlaki's Internet sermons, and approached him for religious advice.

Yemen's government says al-Awlaki is also suspected of contacts with Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who traveled to Yemen late last year, and U.S. investigators say Abdulmutallab told them he received training and his bomb from Yemen's al-Qaida offshoot.

In Sunday's video, al-Awlaki praised both men and referred to them as his "students."

Speaking of Hasan, the cleric said, "What he did was heroic and great. ... I ask every Muslim serving in the U.S. Army to follow suit."

Because of what U.S. officials view as al-Awlaki's growing role with al-Qaida, the Obama administration placed him on the CIA's list of targets for assassination — despite his American citizenship.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Sunday that the U.S. is "actively trying to find" al-Awlaki.

"The president will continue to take action directly at terrorists like Awlaki and keep our country safe from their murderous thugs," Gibbs said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Ali Mohammed al-Ansi, Yemen's national security chief and head of the president's office, said in remarks published Sunday in Yemen's ruling-party newspaper that the country's security forces will continue to pursue al-Awlaki until he turns himself in or he is arrested.

Yemen has indicated that if its security forces capture al-Awlaki, it wants to try the cleric on Yemeni soil.

Al-Awlaki was born in 1971 in New Mexico. His father, Nasser al-Awlaki, was in

the United States studying agriculture at the time and later returned with his family to Yemen to serve as agriculture minister.

The father remains a prominent figure in Yemen, teaching at San'a University in the capital.

The younger al-Awlaki returned to the United States in 1991 to study civil engineering at Colorado State University, then education at San Diego State University, followed by doctoral work at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

He was also a preacher at mosques in California and Virginia before returning to Yemen in 2004.

"We have had more freedom in America than in any Muslim country," he said in Sunday's video. "But when America started to feel the danger of Islam's message, it tightened limits on freedom, and after 9/11 it was impossible to live in America as a Muslim."

Al-Awlaki is believed to be hiding in Yemen's Shabwa province, the rugged region of towering mountains that is home to his large tribe. He said he was moving from place to place under the protection of his tribe. □

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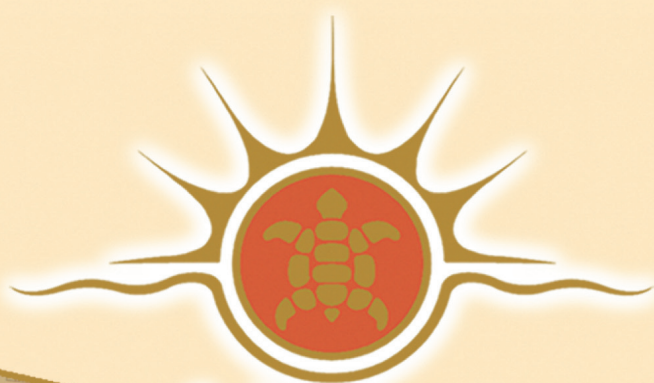
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Jamaica: Gunfire, fire bombs in barricaded slum

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Masked men torched a police station and traded gunfire with security forces in a patchwork of barricaded slums in Jamaica's capital Sunday, prompting the government to declare a state of emergency. Sporadic gunshots rang out in gritty West Kingston where defiant supporters of Christopher "Dudus" Coke, a Jamaican "don" sought by the U.S. on drug and arms trafficking charges, turned his Tivoli Gardens neighborhood and other areas into a virtual fortress with trashed cars and barbed wire.

In barricaded Hannah Town, close to Tivoli Gardens, black smoke spiraled into the sky from a police station set aflame by molotov cocktails.

Officers fled the burning station in impoverished West Kingston, where a 2001 standoff between gunmen and security forces killed 25 civilians as well as a soldier and a constable.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force reported one wounded Sunday: a police officer hit in the hand by gunfire.

Police said the attacks by gangsters roaming the streets with high-powered guns and improvised weapons were

unprovoked. It called for all "decent and law-abiding citizens" in the troubled areas to immediately evacuate their homes and said security forces would ferry them out safely.

The violence erupted after a week of rising tensions in the capital over the possible extradition of Coke to the United States.

After Prime Minister Bruce Golding reversed his long-standing refusal to extradite Coke, the alleged kingpin's supporters began barricading the streets and preparing for a fight.

Earlier Sunday, police urged the neighborhood boss to surrender, calling the heavy barricades encircling his slum stronghold a sign of "cowardice."

The U.S., Canada and Britain issued travel alerts Friday warning of possible violence and unrest in Jamaica. Most islanders have been avoiding downtown Kingston entirely.

The state of public emergency, limited to the parishes of Kingston and St. Andrew, will be in effect for one month unless extended or revoked by lawmakers, the government said.

Coke is described as one of the world's most dangerous drug lords by the U.S. Justice Department.

He has ties to the governing Jamaica Labour Party and holds significant sway over the West Kingston area represented in Parliament by Golding, who stalled Coke's extradition request for months with claims the U.S. indictment relied on illegal wiretap evidence.

Golding's fight against the extradition strained relations with Washington, which questioned the Caribbean country's reliability as an ally in the fight against drugs. His handling of the matter, particularly his hiring of a U.S. firm to lobby Washington to drop the extradition request, provoked an outcry in Jamaica that threatened his political career.

Coke, who typically avoids the limelight, has remained silent. He faces life in prison if convicted on charges filed against him in New York.

Jamaica's political history is intertwined with the street gangs that the two main parties helped organize — and some say armed — in Kingston's poor neighborhoods in the 1970s and '80s. The gangs controlled the streets and intimidated voters at election time. In recent years political violence has waned, and many of the killings in Kingston now are blamed on the active



In this photo taken Wednesday, May 19, 2010 a Jamaica Defense Force armored vehicle make its way into a barricaded street in Hannah Town, West Kingston, Jamaica. Jamaican Police have an arrest warrant for Christopher "Dudus" Coke, who allegedly leads one of Jamaica's drug gangs and is sought by U.S. authorities on drug and arms trafficking charges but residents of West Kingston neighborhoods have set up barricades to prevent the police for entering the slums to execute the order.

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drug and extortion trade. The Rev. Renard White, a leader of a Justice Ministry peace initiative that works in Jamaica's troubled communities, said Coke is a strongman who wields enormous power and whose followers are ready for violence if they think it is in his best interest.

"Clearly the government has to take a strong hand, but they must also tread very, very wisely so people are not hurt," White said. "But a lot of these guys in Tivoli Gardens, they are really pretty desperate." Coke was born into Jamaica's gangland. His father was

the leader of the notorious Shower Posse gang, a cocaine-trafficking band with agents in Jamaica and the U.S. that began operating in the 1980s and was named for its members' tendency to spray victims with bullets.

The son took over from the father, and expanded the gang into selling marijuana and crack cocaine in the New York area and elsewhere, U.S. authorities allege.

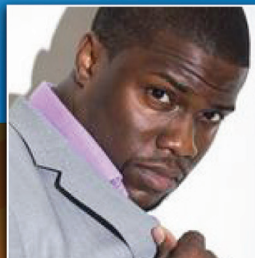
Lawyers for Coke — who in addition to "Dudus" is also known as "Small Man" and "President" — have challenged his extradition in Jamaica's Supreme Court. □



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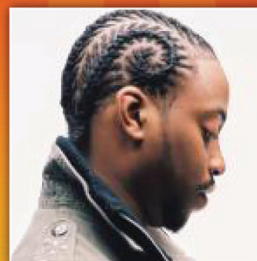


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New financial rules might not prevent next crisis

By DANIEL WAGNER
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AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON — The most sweeping changes to financial rules since the Great Depression might not prevent another crisis.

Experts say the financial regulatory bill approved by the Senate last week, and a similar bill that passed the House, include loopholes and gaps that weaken their impact. Many provisions depend on the effectiveness of regulatory agencies — the same agencies that failed to foresee the last crisis.

A big reason for the bill's limitations is that banks and industry groups lobbied against rules they felt would reduce their profit-making ability.

The financial sector's influence in Washington reflects its enormous donations and lobbying. Over the past two decades, it's given \$2.3 billion to federal candidates. It's outdone every other industry in lobbying since 1998, having spent \$3.8 billion.

Here's how the bills, which

must be reconciled and approved by the full Congress, might address some causes of the financial crisis, and some of the bill's perceived weaknesses:

- Derivatives:

The problem:

Banks used these investments to make speculative bets that helped inflate the housing market. Once home values crashed, these derivatives — and related side bets — magnified the financial crisis. The value of a derivative depends on the price of an underlying investment. Examples include corn futures, stock options and mortgages.

The solution: The legislation would, among other things, require that many derivatives be traded on exchanges, as stocks are, so they are visible to regulators.

Why it might not work:

Business groups led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable lobbied successfully to dilute the rules. They argued that exchange-trading would make it too costly for companies other than banks to use

derivatives.

The bill exempts companies that use derivatives to reduce the risk of fluctuations in interest rates and commodity prices. Experts say this exception could be exploited. Companies could, for example, find ways to combine traditional business activities with purely financial investment through the use of derivatives.

- Weak regulation of banks and other financial firms:

The problem:

Before the crisis, some regulators failed to recognize risks taken by banks they were supposed to oversee. Some companies sidestepped oversight entirely.

The solution: The legislation would eliminate one regulator, the Office of Thrift Supervision, criticized for lax oversight. And it would tighten oversight of large financial institutions that could threaten the system.

Why it might not work:

Smaller banks could still choose their own regulator. These banks would likely seek out the most lenient oversight.

Key advocates for that loophole were the Independent Community Bankers of America and the American Bankers Association.

The Senate voted against capping how much banks can bet relative to their reserves. It left that up to the same regulators who failed to properly monitor banks' risk-taking before the crisis.

One reason the system of regulators escaped more drastic changes, lawmakers say, was that regulators lobbied to protect their agencies' authorities. For example, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman Sheila Bair fought changes that could limit the FDIC's authority.

- Too-big-to-fail institutions:

The problem:

After bad bets on housing and other risky investments caused the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the government pumped billions into the largest banks to keep the system afloat.

The solution: The overhaul would let regulators close banks whose collapse could threaten the system.



A Wall Street sign. US President Barack Obama summoned two key lawmakers to the White House Friday to plan how they will shepherd a sweeping financial regulatory overhaul bill to his desk in a matter of weeks.

(AFP/File/Timothy A. Clary)

Why it might not work:

The Senate bill lets regulators decide whether to protect the creditors of failed banks. Creditors might take a too-rosy view of a banks' finances if they feel they have nothing to lose in a failure. They might still lend to weak banks and raise the cost of eventually closing them down.

The bill does little to prevent big banks from getting bigger, meaning taxpayers might have to intervene again. A Democratic amendment to limit the size of banks was rejected amid opposition from banks such as Goldman Sachs.

- Consumer protection

The problem:

Risky lending to homeowners who couldn't pay helped inflate the housing bubble. Some of the worst offenders were nonbank lenders.

The solution: A new consumer protection watchdog would police banking products and ban those deemed too risky — no matter who offers them.

Why it might not work:

The consumer watchdog's authority would be confined to firms with at least \$10 billion in assets. Thousands of community banks wouldn't be supervised by the agency. Nor would many nonbanks. □



SkySails engineer Stefan Wartmann stands under a kite onboard the MS Beluga ship in the port of Guanta in the city of Puerto La Cruz, 320 km (199 miles) west of Caracas, February 5, 2008. Convincing shipping companies to buy costly green technologies, however, is easier said than done as the industry recovers from the economic slowdown and faces volatile fuel prices that make it difficult to calculate returns on investment. The MV Beluga SkySails, a bulk carrier, was the first new-built ship equipped with SkySails kite system. Since 2008, the giant kite has helped the vessel reach ports across Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Gas prices drop more than 9 cents in 2 weeks

CAMARILLO, Calif. — The average price of regular gasoline in the United States has dropped 9.25 cents over a two-week period to \$2.83.

That's according to the national Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday.

Analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average price for a gallon of mid-grade was \$2.97. Premium was at \$3.08.

Jackson, Miss., had the lowest average price among cities surveyed at \$2.62 a gallon for regular. San Francisco was highest at \$3.10.

Diesel was at \$3.09, down 5.56 cents from two weeks ago.

In California, the average price for a gallon of regular dropped 6.85 cents to \$3.05.

Bakersfield had the state's least expensive gas at \$3.00 a gallon. As usual, San Francisco was the steepest at \$3.10. □

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Day wins Nelson, teenager Spieth shares 16th



Jason Day of Australia, right, holds the the Byron Nelson Championship trophy as he receives an embrace from his wife Ellie, center, Sunday, May 23, 2010, in Irving, Texas.

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JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Jason Day fought through a rocky final round for a 2-over 72 that was good enough to give the 22-year-old Australian the Byron Nelson Championship title for his first win of his PGA Tour career. Already in the record books as the youngest winner on the Nationwide Tour — he was 19 — Day had to wait until he was 22 for this breakthrough.

“It’s been a hard, tough road,” Day said. “I’ve had a lot of negative thoughts go through my head. ... I would always think of what jobs I could do if I didn’t secure my card. ... I’m glad I just stuck through it.”

For many the 2010 Nelson will go down for the remarkable PGA Tour debut by Jordan Spieth, a 16-year-old local high school student.

“I was walking to the fourth hole and it looked like there was a thousand people following him,” Day said. “It took a little bit of pressure off my shoulders knowing that the good majority of the fans that were following me were close friends and family.”

Spieth was within three shots of the lead on the final nine holes, but dropped back into a tie for 16th.

He shot a 2-over 72 in the final round, his highest score of the tournament. His 4-under

276 was six strokes behind Day.

Day nearly withdrew Thursday morning because he felt so ill. He wound up sharing for the lead after the first round and was near the top all week.

He thought he might have blown his chances when his approach to the final hole went into the water. But he got a reprieve when playing partner Blake Adams — who said he didn’t see Day’s ball get wet — knocked his ball into the water, too.

Day salvaged a bogey, while Adams, a 34-year-old Tour rookie, took a double bogey and dropped into a tie for second with Brian Gay and Jeff Overton. Gay shot 7-under 63, the best round Sunday by three strokes.

“I wasn’t nervous,” Adams said. “I just didn’t play well.”

Spieth, meanwhile, became the sixth-youngest player to make the cut on the PGA Tour, then said he was serious about wanting to win. When he shot 3-under Saturday, it wasn’t so farfetched.

He hit back-to-back bogeys early in the final round and a shot out of a fairway bunker that angered Spieth so much, he pulled back with his iron, ready to throw it at his bag. But a deft chip led to a par putt and he turned everything around.

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Jose Lima, former Major League pitcher, dies at 37



In this photo released by the Los Angeles Dodgers and taken on Friday, May 21, 2010, former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Jose Lima gestures before the Dodgers baseball game against the Detroit Tigers Friday, May 21, 2010 at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. The Dodgers say former pitcher Jose Lima died Sunday, May 23, 2010.

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SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Jose Lima, who pitched in the Major Leagues for 13 seasons, has died of a heart attack. He was 37.

His winter-league team in the Dominican Republic says Lima died early Sunday morning in Los Angeles.

Tomas Jimenez of the Aguilas Cibaenas said the team was in shock because Lima seemed to be healthy.

Lima compiled a Major League record of 89-102 with the Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Mets and Houston Astros. He won 21 games in 1999 with the Astros.

His last Major League season was with the Mets in 2006, when he went 0-4 with an ERA of 9.87. □



Michael Rogers, of Australia, holds up his trophy after winning the Tour of California cycling race, Sunday, May 23, 2010, in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Associated Press

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AP Sports Writer

THOUSAND OAKS, California (AP) — Michael Rogers of Australia won the Tour of California on Sunday, overcoming several challenges in the final miles to capture a race overshadowed by Floyd

Aussie Michael Rogers wins Tour of California

Landis’ accusations of doping by Lance Armstrong.

Rogers won by 9 seconds after holding the lead since Thursday. Despite not having a teammate in the attacking group to help, he repelled all challenges during the 83.5-mile (134.4-kilometer) final stage on a hilly circuit in Ventura County while riding for the U.S.-based team of HTC-Columbia.

He crossed the finish line giving a one-armed salute.

“They made me sweat until the end,” Rogers said. “I really didn’t expect this stage to be so hard.”

American David Zabriskie of Garmin-Transitions, who led Stages 3 and 4, finished second overall, his third runner-up finish in the 5-year-old race.

“We were trying to get him to start covering attacks, but he was exceptionally strong,” he said of Rogers.

Three-time champion Levi Leipheimer of the United States began the day third overall and ended up there for RadioShack. He overcame a flat rear tire near the base of one of the climbs.

“We gave it a good try,” he said. “Unfortunately, it didn’t happen. Am I disappointed? Not at all. I was the main animator of the race and I have to take pride in that.”

The U.S.-based RadioShack team lost Armstrong after he crashed Thursday outside Visalia.

“That weakened our team,” Leipheimer said.

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Byfuglien hero again as Blackhawks win the West

By RICK GANO
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO – The Blackhawks are in the Stanley Cup finals, thanks to another big goal by Big Buff.

Dustin Byfuglien scored his third go-ahead goal of the Western Conference finals, converting on a third-period power play as Chicago rallied to beat the San Jose Sharks 4-2 and completed a four-game sweep Sunday that sent the Blackhawks to the finals for the first time since 1992.

Chicago will play either Montreal or Philadelphia and be in search of its first NHL title since 1961.

“It’s an honor to be going to the Stanley Cup. We beat a very good team over there. It wasn’t easy,” Byfuglien said. The 257-pound Byfuglien was parked in front of the net with 7 seconds left on the power play. He took a nice pass from Patrick Kane and knocked the puck past goalie Evgeni Nabokov to give the Blackhawks a 3-2 lead at 14:05 of the final period.

“I got my stick open in front of the net and Kaner game me a nice little feed,” Byfuglien said.

Kris Versteeg added an empty-net goal with 42 seconds left, and the red-clad fans at the United Center erupted, littering the ice with souvenir towels.

“There’s a level of frustration about the way we approached this whole series,” San Joe defenseman Rob Blake said. “We put ourselves in a position to be successful throughout the season and we didn’t accomplish what we needed to.” Byfuglien also had the winner Friday night in

overtime as Chicago captured Game 3, 3-2. He also put the Blackhawks ahead to stay with a goal in their 2-1 victory in the opener and scored a goal in all four games. He has eight in this postseason.

Logan Couture scored in the first period for the regular-season Western Conference champion Sharks, and Patrick Marleau had a short-handed goal in the second as San Jose built 2-0 lead.

But Brent Seabrook was credited with a goal after a video replay reversed an initial on-ice ruling of no goal. Dave Bolland then tied the game at 2-2 at 18:38 of the second.

The Sharks had a chance to regain the lead a minute into the final period, but a shot from the high slot by Devin Setoguchi deflected off the stick of teammate Joe Thornton and hit the crossbar. Chicago had a pair of power plays to work with in the final period, and Byfuglien converted.

On his tying goal, Bolland scrapped for the puck behind the net and gained control. After hesitating, he fired a wraparound shot that appeared to deflect off the stick of San Jose’s Kent Huskins before it went past Nabokov.

It was the fifth goal of the playoffs and second in two games for Bolland, whose defense was a key throughout the series for Chicago.

Marleau scored the short-handed goal from the right circle at 7:35 of the second, shortly after the Sharks started a break when Marc-Edouard Vlasic blocked a shot by Kane. That put the Sharks in position to take control, but they couldn’t maintain it.

Chicago Blackhawks players salute their fans after their 4-2 win over the San Jose Sharks in Game 4 of the NHL Western Conference finals Sunday, May 23, 2010 in Chicago. The Blackhawks swept the series 4-0.

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After Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews was called for cross-checking during a scramble at the net, leaving each team a man down, Seabrook took the puck toward the goal. As Marian Hossa battled to get control at the side, the puck slipped between Nabokov’s legs.

San Jose coach Todd McLellan referred to the score as “a bit of a disputed goal.”

“There’s a rule that is in the league right now that if the referee has the intent to blow the whistle, it’s dead. The problem with the rule, like a lot of ‘em, is there’s a lot of gray left in there. Nobody knows what the referee’s thinking,” McLellan said.

“I certainly respect the job that they do,” he added. “Although his whistle was going toward his mouth, the intent wasn’t there and we have to live with that. That’s the way it goes.”

It also gave the Blackhawks the momentum they had been looking for since the first period.

Couture converted a high rebound past goalie Antti Niemi after a shot by Setoguchi from the left boards was deflected, putting the Sharks up 1-0 at 11:08 of the first.

The Blackhawks, meanwhile, had trouble getting anything going offensively and managed just one shot in the first 14 minutes. □



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Three birdies and three near-misses left him standing on the 11th tee at 7-under while the leaders were at 10-under.

A few holes later, he started backing up again — a bogey, then a double-bogey. Yet he bounced back once more, too, with a birdie on the next hole and knocking his tee shot to the par-3 17th just 14 feet from the cut.

Alas, Spieth (pronounced SPEE-th) missed that putt and a par putt of about the same distance on No. 18 for a closing bogey. He walked off to a loud ovation, a handshake from playing partner Corey Pavin and a hug from Peggy Nelson, widow of the tournament's namesake.

"It was awesome ... the entire round, the entire week," Spieth said. "Starting the week, I definitely would've taken a top-20, in a heartbeat. Obviously now, looking back, being a competitor, I look back at the mistakes I made that didn't give me an opportunity to win."

Spieth, the reigning U.S.



Jordan Spieth reads his putt on the second green during the final round of the Byron Nelson Championship golf tournament Sunday, May 23, 2010, in Irving, Texas. Spieth, a 16-year-old Dallas high school student, finished six shots behind the winner.

Associated Press

Junior Amateur champion, would've made \$91,185.71 had he turned pro this week. But he's planning to wait through another year of high school, then attend the University of Texas.

"I wouldn't say (this week) changed me fundamentally," he said. "I can't wait to get back out there and do it again."

He's already gotten a sponsor's exemption to play in Memphis next month. First, he'll play an American Junior Golf Association

event in Arizona next week. Then he has finals.

Day's next event is the Colonial in Fort Worth, where he lives. He also seems to have conquered the illness that's befuddled him since the opening week of the season.

It's been diagnosed variously as swine flu, bronchitis and allergies. Medicines to fight those ailments caused so many problems he withdrew from a tournament and went to the emergency room. Finally, on Monday, another

doctor called it a chronic sinus infection, and Day is convinced that's right. But even that diagnosis caused a problem. A heavy-duty shot and other antibiotics left him so queasy Thursday morning that when he went to get an umbrella from his car, he thought about driving home. He might not have made it through that first round without a nearly 4-hour delay because of threatening skies, which let him sit, relax and drink lots of water.

"I still have blocked ears and some gunk in the back of my throat and my nose," he said. "But it's dried up a lot more than it was."

Day was as amazed as anyone by Spieth's success, which is saying something. Hailed as another Tiger Woods while growing up in Australia, he began playing PGA Tour events at 18. He played 65 tournaments before finally winning one, but figures the experience was worth it, admitting he got a bit lazy after having success and money at a young age. □



Sun Young Yoo of South Korea, holds up the trophy after defeating Angela Stanford 3 and 1 in the final match to win the Sybase Match Play Championship golf tournament at Hamilton Farm in Gladstone, N.J., Sunday, May 23, 2010.

Associated Press

Sun Young Yoo wins Sybase Match Play Championship

JOHN NICHOLSON

AP Sports Writer

GLADSTONE, New Jersey (AP) — Sun Young Yoo won the Sybase Match Play Championship for her first LPGA Tour victory, beating Angela Stanford 3 and 1 on Sunday at Hamilton Farm.

Yoo, the 23-year-old South Korean player in her fifth LPGA Tour season, won the 13th and 14th holes with pars and took a 2-up lead with a 15-foot putt for her first birdie of the match on the par-3 16th.

The match ended when Stanford missed her birdie putt and conceded Yoo's birdie.

Yoo's victory was the eighth straight by a foreign player and the 25th in the last 26 events. Michelle Wie — in the Lorena Ochoa Invitational in November — is the lone American winner since Cristie Kerr won the Michelob Ultra Open last May.

In the morning semifinals, the 28th-seeded Yoo beat top-ranked Jiyai Shin 2 and 1, and the 10th-seeded Stanford advanced with a 19-hole victory over Amy Yang.

Yoo, who earned \$375,000 from the \$1.5 million purse, also beat No. 32 Karen Stupples, No. 5 Kerr, No. 12 Song-Hee Kim and No. 4 Yani Tseng. Shin won the third-place match, beating Yang 3 and 2. □

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WNBA Roundup

McCoughtry, DeSouza help Dream improve to 4-0

NEW YORK (AP) — Angel McCoughtry scored 21 points, and Erika DeSouza had 15 points and 10 rebounds as the Atlanta Dream remained undefeated with an 86-77 victory over the New York Liberty on Sunday.

Iziane Castro Marques scored nine of her 13 points in the final 5 1/2 minutes for Atlanta (4-0), which is off to the best start in the franchise's three-year history.

Alison Bales also had 10 rebounds to help the Dream remain one of two unbeaten teams left, along with Seattle (3-0).

Cappie Pondexter scored 21 points to lead New York (1-2), which has lost consecutive games after winning its opener. Nicole Powell had 17 points and Janel McCarville added 16.

Shock 94, Lynx 82

At Minneapolis, Plenette Pierson and Shavonte Zellous each scored 14 points to help Tulsa earn its first victory of

the season with a win over Minnesota.

Chante Black had 10 points and 17 rebounds for the Shock, which led by as many as 21 in the third quarter en route to the franchise's first win since relocating to Tulsa in the offseason. Scholanda Robinson and Amber Holt each scored 12 points for the Shock (1-2).

Minnesota's Charde Houston scored 23 points to lead four Lynx players in double figures. Lindsay Whalen finished with 16 points. Nicky Anosike added 15 and Monica Wright scored 11.

Sun 80, Mystics 65

At Uncasville, Connecticut, Tan White scored 15 points and Anete Jekabsons-Zogota added 14 to help Connecticut hand Washington, its first loss of the season.

Kara Lawson and Kelsey Griffin had 11 points each and Tina Charles finished with 10 points and eight rebounds for the Sun (2-1),

who used a 25-5 run during an 8-minute span of the second half to pull away.

Crystal Langhorne had 16 points to lead Washington (3-1), which was denied its first 4-0 start in franchise history. Marisa Coleman scored 11 points and Katie Smith had 10. Connecticut held Monique Currie, who entered the game scoring a team-best 22 points per game, to six points before fouling out.

Fever 69, Sky 61

At Indianapolis, Shay Murphy had 16 points and nine rebounds to lead Indiana over Indiana.

Tamika Catchings finished with 13 points and Jene Morris and Briann January each scored 12 for the Fever, who beat Chicago for the second straight day to improve to 2-2. Indiana is 13-4 all-time against the Sky and 8-1 at Conseco Fieldhouse.

Cathrine Kraayeveld had 11 points and Sylvia Fowles added 10 points and nine rebounds for the Sky (0-4), who have lost their four games by a combined 30 points. □



Atlanta Dream forward Angel McCoughtry (35) takes a shot against Connecticut Sun forward DeMya Walker (22) and Sun guard Tan White (14) during the second half of a WNBA basketball game at Philips Arena, Friday, May 21, 2010 in Atlanta. McCoughtry lead her team with 32 points for the night as the Dream went on to win 97-82.

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That same day, Armstrong was accused of doping and helping others cheat by former teammate Landis, who attended Saturday's time trial in Los Angeles, where he watched from a sponsor's tent. Armstrong returned to Texas, and tweeted that he was back on his bike Saturday. He angrily denied Landis' accusations.

Asked if he had anything to say to Landis, Leipheimer said, "I've thought about it, but I don't. I can't begin to understand what's going through his mind, but it doesn't make sense to me. I don't think it's worth trying to reason with him."

Landis, who won the inaugural Tour of California in 2006, wasn't invited to compete this year.

Rogers addressed the issue of doping in cycling, saying, "I'm getting a little bit sick of all this stuff."

He urged the sport "to get away from negativity" while at the same time admitting that "doping is killing our sport."

Leipheimer disagreed, saying, "I really believe cycling is much, much cleaner than in the past. It's fair and it's clean."

Zabriskie's teammate, Ryder Hesjedal of Canada, won the eighth and final stage, outsprinting a small group that included Americans George Hincapie of BMC and Chris Horner of RadioShack.

Hincapie called Landis' allegations against Armstrong and others "definitely very disappointing."

"Whoever wants to talk about something eight years old can waste their time," he said.

The riders sped along four 21-mile circuits through the cities of Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village and Agoura Hills, and up famed Mulholland Highway with its steep climbs and numerous switchbacks northwest of Los Angeles.

Zabriskie knew the route well because he uses it regularly for his training rides since moving to Southern California. □

Ivan Basso wins 15th stage of the Giro

MONTE ZONCOLAN, Italy (AP) — Ivan Basso launched a solo attack on the grueling climb up Monte Zoncolan on Sunday to win the 15th stage of the Giro d'Italia and make himself the favorite for overall victory.

David Arroyo Duran held onto the overall leader's pink jersey despite finishing three minutes and 50 seconds behind Basso. Richie Porte remained second overall, 2:35 behind Arroyo Duran, and Basso moved up from 11th to third, 3:33 back.

While he still has some time to make up, Basso has shown he is a stronger climber than both Arroyo Duran and Porte, and several more mountain stages are still to come before the race ends in Verona next weekend.

World champion Cadel Evans finished the stage 1:19 behind Basso in second, with Michele Scarponi third.

Basso, who returned to cycling last season after serving a two-year suspension for doping, attacked on the upper section of the climb, which lasted 6.2 miles and

featured gradients as high as 22 percent. Tyler Farrar, the American sprinter who won two stages earlier in the race, withdrew before the stage started. After the race's final rest day Monday, Tuesday's stage 16 is a 8-mile mountain time trial from San Vigilio di Marebbe to Plan de Corones, with gradients as steep as 24 percent and the final section on a dirt road. □



Italy's Ivan Basso celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 15th stage of the Giro d'Italia, tour of Italy cycling race from Mestre to Monte Zoncolan, Sunday, May 23, 2010.

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Venus Williams easily wins opener at French Open

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP)—Whistles and whispers circulated through the stands at Court Suzanne Lenglen on Sunday, a reaction brought about not by Venus Williams' play at the French Open, but rather by her outfit.

With a lacy, black overlay giving it the illusion of being see-through, and bright red trim on the bodice, Williams' corset-like get-up made her look as if she were ready to perform in a 19th century Parisian cancan chorus line. Her game, a mix of power and niftier-than-usual footwork on this day, was very 21st century, and befitting a star of the show.

The red clay of Roland Garros never has been Williams' best stage — her seven Grand Slam titles all came at Wimbledon or the U.S. Open. At this year's French Open, she is assured of at least one more performance, thanks to a 6-3, 6-3 victory over former top-10 player Patty Schnyder of Switzerland in the first round.

Williams explained that her look was "about illusion," which, she noted, is "a lot of my motif this year" when it comes to clothes design.



USA's Venus Williams reacts after winning her first round match against Switzerland's Patty Schnyder, and France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga returns the ball to Germany's Daniel Brands during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday, May 23, 2010.

She also said she might not wear that particular dress again on court. Then again, perhaps she will. She's not sure. Either way, Williams comes to a tournament with eight to 10 outfits, just in case the victories keep coming.

And she plans a lengthy stay in Paris this time around, perhaps capped by a title.

"I always — goes without saying — believe I can win," said Williams, whose biggest hitches Sunday were eight double-faults.

Williams lost in the third round at each of the past

three French Opens and only once has been beyond the quarterfinals in 13 previous trips: She lost to younger sister Serena in the 2002 final. Still, Venus' hitting partner, David Witt, said after Sunday's victory: "If she goes out there and is smart and plays smart tennis, I think she can win the tournament."

There are others who will have some say in that, of course, including defending champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, who also won in straight sets Sunday, and the top-ranked Serena, whose first-round match is Monday. Venus is back at No. 2 in the rankings for the first time since May 2003, and was not shy about saying she wants to bump her sister off the top spot.

"It feels good to be moving up the ranks. Obviously, when you get to 2, of course, the next dream is 1," Venus said.

As for chasing Serena?

"When we're on the court, and when we're competing against each other, it's competition," Venus said. "Both of us feel that, you know: May the better player be the best."

Generally, the better players



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were, well, better than their opponents on Day 1 of the year's second Grand Slam tournament, when the sky was a cloudless blue and the temperature touched 80 degrees, making ice cream the snack of choice around the grounds.

Only one seeded man departed. No. 23 Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, who upset Roger Federer at Rome this month, stopped because of a right thigh injury while trailing Julien Benneteau of France 6-4, 6-2, 1-0. Two seeded women left: No. 10 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, a quarterfinalist a year ago, lost to Gisela Dulko of Argentina 6-1, 6-2, and No. 20 Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain lost to Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan 6-2, 6-4.

Winners included 2009 runner-up Robin Soderling, who stunned four-time champion Rafael Nadal in the fourth round last year; No. 8 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 10 Marin Cilic and No. 11 Mikhail Youzhny. Soderling won the first nine games and took 49 of 58 points on his serve en route to eliminating French wild card Laurent Recouderc 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Joining Kuznetsova in the women's second round were No. 15 Aravane Rezai, No. 19 Nadia Petrova, No. 26 Dominika Cibulkova and No. 30 Maria Kirilenko. Kuznetsova sputtered at the start against 2009 quarterfinalist Sorana Cirstea, losing the opening six points and falling behind 3-0, before reeling off nine games in a row.

Venus Williams' only real problems came at the very end against Schnyder, who fell to 0-11 against the American but certainly is no slouch, particularly on clay. The 31-year-old lefty from Switzerland has been a Grand Slam semifinalist, has been ranked No. 7, and leads active women in career clay-court victories. She forced Williams to fend off three break points in the final game, and also made her accumulate four match points before finally ending things with a forehand winner.

"It's just too tough to really play good, and then on top of that, to beat her," Schnyder said. "She has a great answer to my lefty serve, she has the backhand down the line, which hurts me a lot, and she's a great mover."

That last part hasn't always been the case on clay, but the 29-year-old Williams had neither of her sometimes-bothersome knees wrapped Sunday. She covered the court quite well, both side-to-side and moving forward, which helped her win 12 of 14 points at the net.

It's part of a resurgence on the slow surface this season for Williams: She is 13-2 on clay.

"Look at her results," Schnyder said. "She's coming into the tournament playing good clay-court matches, winning clay-court matches."

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Building permit for the construction of Ritz Carlton does not end controversy

Parliamentarian Juan David Irausquin challenges Prime Minister

ORANJESTAD — AVP Parliament member Juan David Irausquin is challenging the decision of Minister of Infrastructure for issuing the building permit for the construction of a Ritz Carlton hotel at the Fisherman's Huts.

Irausquin issued the petition to call the Minister to Parliament so he could explain why the developer, Desarrollos Hotelco was granted a building permit.

The Director of the Aruba Public Works Department Jossy Figaroa confirmed that Desarrollos Hotelco receive its building permits to start and thus can start the construction of the hotel, which is to be operated by the Ritz Carlton. For many on the island who are dead set against the project, as it will be located at the last part of beach on the Palm Beach stretch, this news is devastating.

The hotel, they fear, will translate to limited access for locals at that site, which is a world renowned wind and kite surf location. They were holding on the hope that the hotel would not be built because the permit was still not given out.

But, in the meantime, Figaroa said he signed the building permit and Desarrollos Hotelco will just have to make the required payments. He explained the process took some time because of small details such as the beam types and other technical elements. The Public Works Department Chief said he has to follow proper procedures and therefore does not have

any other option to sign the building permit once the details are complied with.

However, Parliament member Juan David Irausquin and many like him argue that the previous Government and particularly, the former Minister of Infrastructure Marisol Lopez Tromp gave the developers the piece of land without having to comply with the legal requirements.

The investment is less than was previously agreed upon and does not justify the size of land that was given.

A second legal opinion requested by the government said that the issuing of lease land followed proper procedure. But the lawyers also noted that it was strange that the Government was willing to lower its requirements in order to give the developer the land. In an earlier statement, Juan David Irausquin stated that Desarrollos Hotelco would have to adhere to the same conditions as any other investor.

During the lengthy Parliamentary meetings on the topic, AVP members accused the former Minister for allowing her main advisor to sway the decisions. The main advisor, Mr. Mito Martis at first advised against allowing a new hotel project, but then left the government to work with Desarrollos Hotelco. Then, for some reason, he returned as the main advisor to the (former) Minister, who with the support of the entire Council of Minister gave the green light for the hotel. Now that

same former advisor is back with Desarrollos Hotelco.

The new AVP Government said its hands are tight and that it has no other option than to honor the granting of the land to Desarrollos Hotelco, as any other step would lead to a major court battle that could end up costing Aruba millions in claims. But AVP Parliament members, particularly Irausquin, are not convinced. He feels that there are still unanswered questions.

The fact that he is now challenging his own Minister on the matter does not mean that he has problems with his party member. Irausquin said he is just doing his job as Parliament member, making good use of his right to question decisions. He wants to further question the current Minister of Infrastructure, Benny Sevinger on elements of the second legal opinion, particularly regarding why the previous government and departments relaxed conditions and requirements for Desarrollos Hotelco, and why should this not be taken into consideration by the current Government.

The interpellation process is a democratic instrument rarely used. But it entails calling a Minister for a debate on any issue. It goes further than a public meeting, where all Parliament members have the opportunity to question Ministers. Interpellation has precedence, which means it has priority over other issues pending for public debate.

And perhaps even more direct, interpellation allow for



only one Parliament member to challenge the Minister in a debate during the first round. In this case, that would be Mr. Irausquin.

Juan David Irausquin submitted his request for interpellation to the Parliament President Andy

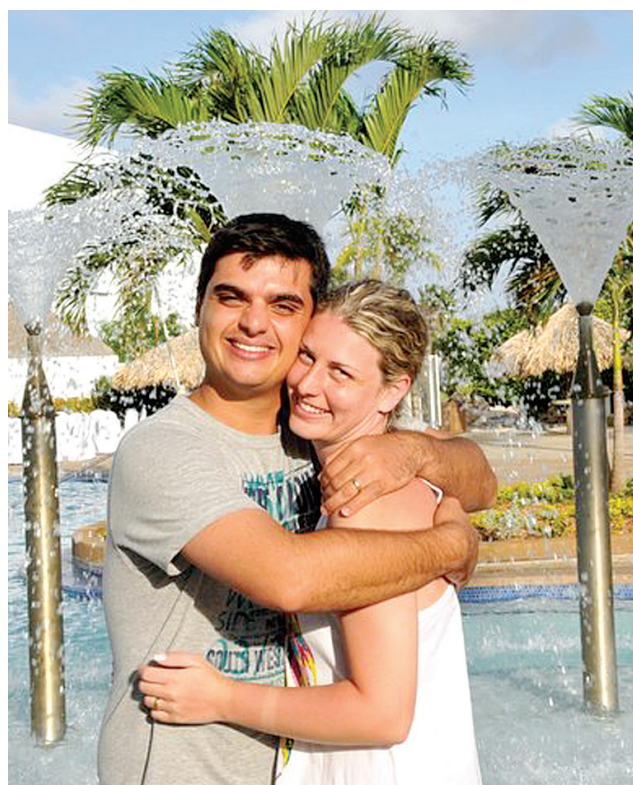
Lee. The decision whether it will happen depends whether the majority go along with the request.

The decision whether the Parliament will honor the interpellation, remains in the hand of the majority in the legislative body. □



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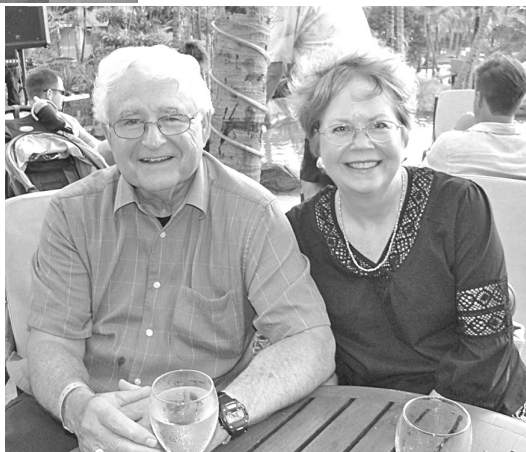
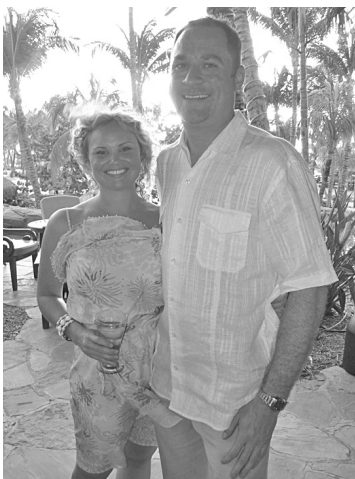
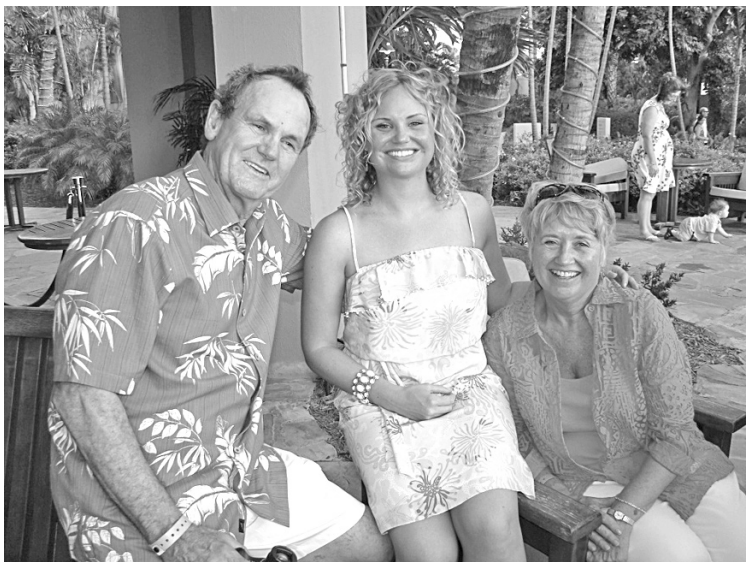
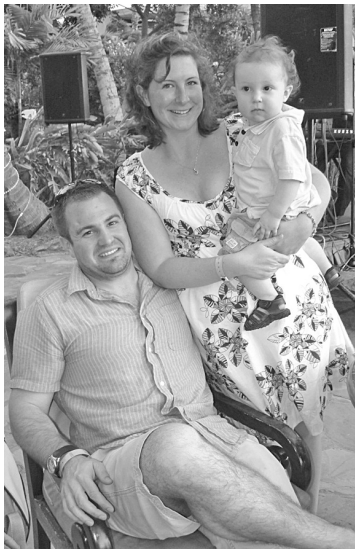
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opening. "A clinic of my own has been my dream since I was six years old," she said in her speech. The location of the Animal Care Clinic is really good: right on the highway between Santa Cruz and Piedra Plat. A gorgeous sign, depicting dogs, cats and birds shows where the clinic is. The sign has been painted purple with a purpose: "The faculty of my university in Utrecht, Holland, had that color in its flag," she explained. Natalie herself was wearing a bit of purple as well: she had on a most flattering hot pink and purple dress. The Animal Care Clinic has as its goal to provide veterinary care with a personal touch. The opening hours are 8 - 12 am and 1.30 to 5.30 on weekdays; on Thursday one can make an appointment until 8.30 pm and on Saturday mornings the clinic is open from 10 to 12. For more information one can mail to info@acc-aruba.com or surf to www.acc-aruba.com. For appointment you need to call 582-8381. Best of luck to Natalie! ☐



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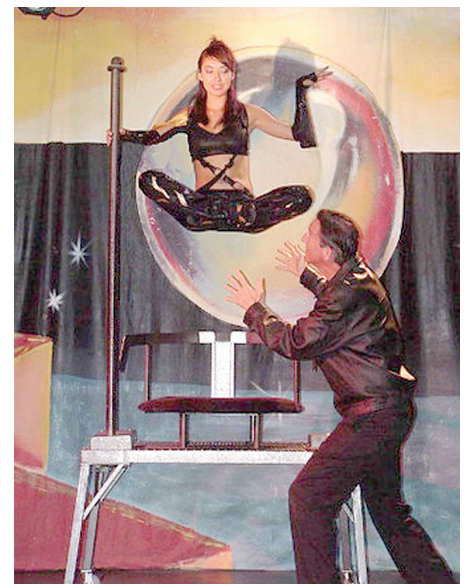
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As part of the Wine, Food & Art Festival

Westin Aruba Art Gallery presents Converging Styles



PALM BEACH – Twenty-three different artists from Aruba and four from the Netherlands are currently showing their work at the Westin Gallery, as a preview for the upcoming 6th annual Wine, Food & Art Festival.

In former years the exposition theme was always wine and food related, however this year the curator opted for free input, resulting in a colorful and varied show that will remain on display at the gallery to June 25th.

During the Wine, Food & Art Festival unfolding June 3rd to 5th, more pieces of these artists will be available for viewing and sale in the halls, corridors and ballroom of the resort.

At the opening of Converging Styles, on Saturday, Zahir Zaandam, of the Department of Culture remarked in her welcome address that art is a



powerful communication vehicle, and a way to transmit visions and ideas which often lie beyond the capacity of words. The excellent exposition was made possible thanks to the Westin Aruba Resort, collaborating with The Aruba Art and Management Consultancy, aiming to promote local artists.

Among artists on display, from Aruba: Mo Mohamed, Marian Abath, Stan Kuiperi, Lara Kuiperi, Elisa Lejuez-Peters, Irene Peterson, Elvis Tromp, Francis Escalona, Rosalie Klein, Marco van Esdonk, Anjo Rotteveel, Joseph Miklojick, Frank Croes, Mirian De L'Isle, Edmond Tujeehut, Belinda de Veer, Annemiek van Vliet, Grace Ashruf Rahusen, Evelino Fingal, Jeanne Ecury



and show curator Eefje van der Straten van Twillert. From the Netherlands, JanHein Van Stiphout, Douwe Van Twilert, Ro Heilborn and Joannah Dryter Innemee. The exposition includes a special Wine Bottle Art



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The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars



Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons. Reminiscent of a 1950s French café, the fully air-conditioned indoor dining room delights diners with its sparkling china, crisp linen, interesting bread baskets, and hand-painted tiles bordering the walls. A gracious staff, colossal desserts, and live jazz performed by Eddy Samson on piano add the perfect touches.

Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting. Now patrons have another charming dining option at the French Steakhouse—a tropical alfresco courtyard featuring delicious

cuisine under the stars. Diners can choose from the restaurant's famed "Ooh-La-La" menu offerings, including creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry, and the pièce de résistance—South American and USDA beef specialties.

Among other popular appetizers, the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple-mango salsa and the Teriyaki-Glazed Seared Duck Breast served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd-pleasers. The French Onion Soup is true to the restaurant's roots while the Honey-Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

Seafood dishes range from the fresh Catch of the Day, prepared according to preference, to the amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon. The tequila and sweet-chili glaze lends

the jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

Light eaters will find the Jerk-Curried Chicken Skewers and the Lemon-Herb Broiled Chicken very satisfying while meat-lovers should opt for the restaurant's famous South American Certified Beef Churrasco or a juicy USDA beef selection such as the Charcoal NY Sirloin Steak or the Grilled Filet Mignon. Hungrier patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-Course Menu featuring the run of the regular menu's highlights for just \$34.95 per person.

The French Steakhouse at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa offers a truly unique dining experience—indoor or out—7 days a week from 5:30 PM to 11 PM. For more information, please visit <http://www.manchebo.com/steakhouse/>

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents beach cuisine

Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of beach cuisine. Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a sun-splashed menu on the oceanfront terrace, raising the restaurant to must-try status. Inspired by American, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek, and Mediterranean kitchens, the menu lists favorite international dishes all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

Patrons can choose from a variety of tasty starters, like Wings on Fire and the Fiesta Snack Platter. Pega Pega's Sun-Sational Salads—including the Thai Chicken Salad and the Caribbean



Fruit Symphony—provide a light lunch alternative. From the sandwich board come the Cuban-Pressed Chicken Sandwich, the Grilled Grouper Reuben Sandwich, the Cudarebo Fish Taco, and the Philly Steak Sandwich. Mid-day platters also include vegetarian options and a variety of oversized beef burgers.

Pega Pega's tropical & frozen cocktail list leaves nothing

out. A wide range of frosty beverages—from daiquiris, coladas, margaritas, and fruit or ice-cream smoothies to specialty blends like the Yellow Bird, Sex on the Beach, and the Cabuya—pretty much guarantees the perfect refreshing addition to lunch. A daily happy hour featuring live music is a great way to watch the sunset and kick off the evening.

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar is open on fabulous Eagle Beach every day from noon to 5 PM for lunch and from 11 AM to 11 PM for drinks. Patrons are cordially welcomed to enjoy the unrivaled views, caring service, and relaxed atmosphere of one of Aruba's oldest beach bars.



Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, located at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in the heart of the low-rise hotel area, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors at a reasonable price in a charming alfresco poolside setting.

The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico, a 3-course dinner featuring an appetizer, main course, and dessert for just \$19.95 per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between homemade soup and Caesar salad for the starter; between Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, and any favorite pizza for the main course; and between tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream for the sweet finale.

Of course, the regular menu

continues to offer delicious antipasto and salads, like the Calamari Fritti and the Insalati Bistrot; hearty Italian soups; fresh fish dishes, including Salmone Affogato in Bianco; pasta dishes, like the Tortellini alla Gorgonzola; pizzas; meat dishes, like the Filetto Di Bue alla Castellana; decadent desserts, such as the Cream-Filled Cannoli; flavorful coffees; and the finest Italian wines.

Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Shoco Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. The award is a national award of excellence and Aruba's top professional decoration in the hospitality industry.

Open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner, Giorgio's makes authentic Italian cuisine a reality on Aruba. Patrons are cordially invited to bring a healthy appetite.

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Move afoot in Congress to ban drop-side cribs

By JENNIFER C. KERR,
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The baby crib, usually a safe haven for little ones, became a death trap for 6-month-old Bobby Cirigliano. The side rail on his drop-side crib slid off the tracks and trapped his head and neck between the mattress and the malfunctioning side rail. His face pressed against the mattress, the boy suffocated.

"I just don't feel complete anymore," says his mother, Susan Cirigliano of North Bellmore on New York's Long Island.

Bobby was one of at least 32 infants and toddlers since 2000 who suffocated or were strangled in a drop-side crib, which has a side that moves up and down to allow parents to lift children from the cribs more easily than cribs with fixed sides. Drop-sides, around for decades and probably slept in by many of today's parents, are suspected in an additional 14 infant fatalities during that time.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, which regulates cribs, has warned about the problem. Its chairman, Inez Tenenbaum, has pledged to ban the manufacture and sale of cribs by the end of the year with a new performance standard that would make fixed-side cribs mandatory. It could be several months into 2011 before becoming effective.

The industry has already started phasing out drop-sides and big retailers such as Babies R Us and Wal-Mart have taken them off sale floors. Yet there are still plenty for sale on the Internet, and that's part of the reason Congress is getting involved.

"There's a great urgency here. We have to make sure that no parent is unaware that drop-side cribs could kill their children," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said in an Associated Press interview.

She plans to introduce legislation this week to outlaw the manufacture,

sale and resale of all drop-side cribs and ban them from day-care centers and hotels. Gillibrand wants to accelerate efforts for a ban, from Congress or the CPSC, and highlight concerns about the cribs to parents who are using them.

"There still are thousands and thousands of children who are sleeping every night in drop-side cribs and we need to protect them," said Gillibrand.

She outlined her bill at a news conference in New York on Sunday, joined by Bobby Cirigliano's parents and the family of 10-month-old Tyler Witte, who died in a drop-side crib in 1997.

More than 7 million of these cribs have been recalled in the past five years, often because screws, safety pegs or plastic tracking for the rail can come loose or break. The industry insists that babies are safe in drop-sides that haven't been recalled.

"We believe firmly that when these products are assembled and used properly, they are the safest place to

put your child," said Mike Dwyer, executive director of the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, which represents over 90 percent of the crib industry. But when the hardware malfunctions, the drop-side rail can detach partially from the crib. That creates a dangerous "V"-like gap between the mattress and side rail where a baby can get caught and suffocate or strangle.

Dwyer says manufacturers have seen cases where parents installed the drop-side improperly, sometimes upside down, or they have reassembled a crib for a second or third child with some of the screws or other hardware missing.

In addition to the CPSC's pledge to vote on a ban by year's end, two New York counties — Nassau and Suffolk, on Long Island — have banned the sale of drop-sides.

Late last year, crib manufacturers were already moving in that direction when they voted to eliminate

the drop-side design and instead opt for four fixed sides, but the standard is a voluntary one.

Despite the industry's move to end production, there are plenty of new and used drop-side cribs for sale online. The Associated Press found drop-sides for purchase on websites for Sears, Kmart and Amazon.com. Craigslist also had scores of used drop-side cribs for sale.

The industry doesn't have figures on how many drop-sides might still be on the market, but Dwyer says it's a small percentage.

A ban — by Congress or the CPSC — won't come soon enough for Bobby Cirigliano's parents or his sister, Jennifer, who was 3-years-old when her brother died. She remembers him every day, her parents say. When the family moved to their new house on Long Island, her dad promised to build her a tree house.

"I want it as high as the sky," she told her dad, "because then I can see my little brother." □

Parents Want Electronic Access to Their Children's Docs: Survey

Half of all American parents polled say they would like to be able to communicate with their child's physician via the Internet, a new survey reveals.

Yet fewer than 15 percent of those said they are currently able to do so to make appointments for vaccinations or lab record retrievals, to complete screening forms, to fill prescriptions or to get health advice.

The findings were gleaned from the national C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health, which was conducted in January of this year.

More than 1,600 parents of children up to the age of 17 participated in the as-yet-unpublished survey.

"Electronic communication between parents and their children's health care providers offers a lot of potential benefits," Dr. Matthew Davis, poll

director and an associate professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases at the University of Michigan (UM) Medical School, said in a new release.

"For administrative tasks that almost all parents need to complete, electronic communication can reduce wasted time and minimize frustration for both parents and office staff," he noted. For clinical services, parents often have questions about whether minor injuries or illnesses require an office visit; electronic communication provides a way to obtain advice without waiting on hold for long periods of time." The survey's observations come on the heels of recent federal health care legislation that promotes electronic health records as a means to improve efficiency and overall medical care quality.

However, the UM team points out that despite the heightened interest in electronic communication

between doctors and patients, significant hurdles could slow the speed with which such measures are adopted.

"Some health care providers have expressed concerns about reimbursement for electronic services that require staff time," said Davis. "Others worry about medical liability associated with offering clinical advice via e-mail or the Internet, without examining the patient."

"However, given the strong endorsement for electronic communication from this national sample of parents, significant efforts should be made to address these challenges," he added. "The obvious advantages of electronic medical records efficiency, clarity, documentation are the same reasons why we should work to make e-communications available for our patients and families." □

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57 ancient tombs with mummies unearthed in Egypt



This undated photo released by the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities on Sunday, May 23, 2010, shows tombs discovered in Lahoun, near Fayoum, some 70 miles (100 kilometers) south of Cairo, in Egypt. The Supreme Council of Antiquities says archeologists have unearthed 57 ancient Egyptian tombs, most of them containing a painted wooden sarcophagus with a mummy inside, with the oldest tombs dating back to around 2750 B.C. and twelve of the tombs belonging to the 18th dynasty which ruled Egypt during the second millennium B.C.

(AP Photo/Supreme Council of Antiquities)

CAIRO – Archeologists have unearthed 57 ancient Egyptian tombs, most of which hold an ornately painted wooden sarcophagus with a mummy inside, Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities said Sunday.

The oldest tombs date back to around 2750 B.C. during the period of Egypt's first and second dynasties, the council said in a statement. Twelve of the tombs belong the 18th

dynasty which ruled Egypt during the second millennium B.C.

The discovery throws new light on Egypt's ancient religions, the council said. Egypt's archaeology chief, Zahi Hawass, said the mummies dating to the 18th dynasty are covered in linen decorated with religious texts from the Book of the Dead and scenes featuring ancient Egyptian deities.

Abdel Rahman El-Aydi, head of the archaeological mission that made the discovery, said some of the tombs are decorated with religious texts that ancient Egyptians believed would help the deceased to cross through the underworld.

El-Aydi said one of the oldest

tombs is almost completely intact, with all of its funerary equipment and a wooden sarcophagus containing a mummy wrapped in linen.

In 31 tombs dating to around 2030-1840 B.C, archeologists discovered scenes of different ancient Egyptian deities, such as the falcon-headed Horus,

Hathor, Khnum and Amun, decorating some of the tombs. The council said the findings were unearthed at Lahoun, in Fayoum, some 70 miles (100 kilometers) south of Cairo. Last year, some 53 stone tombs dating back to various ancient periods were found in the area. □

Fish Oil Could Reduce Bone Loss for Astronauts in Space

Denise Chow

A group of nutrients found in fish oil, known as omega-3 fatty acids, may help mitigate bone breakdown that occurs during spaceflight and in those who suffer from osteoporosis, a new study suggests.

As NASA sets its sights on long-duration missions to Mars and an asteroid, scientists are working hard to understand and cope with medical issues, such as bone loss, that accompany and are likely exacerbated by lengthier space travel.

The NASA-sponsored study built upon decades of research that has examined ways to halt bone density loss in astronauts.

The study's findings could have significant implications for space travelers, but also for those who are susceptible to bone loss here on Earth.

The space agency has studied bone loss because it is one of the main effects of exposure to weightlessness in space.

"Your body is very smart, and it adapts to whatever environment you're in," study co-author Scott Smith, a nutritionist at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, told SPACE.com. "For instance, if you start carrying around a backpack with 50 pounds in it, your skeleton will adjust to support that weight. The same is true for spaceflight. Your body knows that it is not carrying around the normal amount of weight."

So, if a person is in space for long periods of time, the body is likely to perceive the state of weightlessness to be more permanent, which could put that person at risk of elevated levels of bone deterioration. Weak bones in space

The actual rate of bone loss for astronauts in space is difficult to quantify, Smith said, because it varies from person to person.

He roughly estimates that about 1 percent of bone mass is lost per month in space. In comparison, a post-menopausal woman with osteoporosis has a rate of bone loss of roughly 1 percent per year, Smith said.

The study's findings are detailed in the May issue of the Journal of Bone and Mineral Research.

The researchers conducted a series of studies that examined the effect of adding a specific omega-3 fatty acid, called eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), to regular bone cell cultures and those designed to mimic weightlessness.

Scientists documented that adding EPA inhibited the activation of factors that lead to bone breakdown. This inhibited factor is known as "nuclear factor kappa B" or NFkB. □

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RESIDUE FROM GULF OIL SPILL REACHES SENATE SHORES

By Cynthia Tucker

WASHINGTON -- It's the time of year when I start to think longingly of my favorite playground -- the Florida Panhandle, with its sugary white beaches bordered by the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Mexico. By now, the weather is just right, the water warm, the breezes mild. Oh, there's one thing I forgot to mention -- tar balls. This year, beachgoers might be wading into oily gook

generated by the catastrophic oil spill, which is spewing out 5,000 barrels of oil a day. Or 25,000 barrels a day. No one really knows. And no one knows how long it could take to plug the underwater well. You'd think that a disaster unfolding as we helplessly watch would stir the chilly, polarized waters of Washington politics, perhaps churning up a sense of urgency over energy legislation. If anything illustrates the dangers of our addiction to petroleum, this metastasizing-by-the-minute mess does just that.

But the strange business of politics doesn't work as you might imagine. The Deepwater Horizon explosion seems to have had the opposite effect, blowing up the fragile compromise that seemed the best hope for a Senate bill this year. John Kerry, D-Mass., Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., spent several months in negotiations attempting to hammer out a proposal that would draw bipartisan support. With a goal of reducing the gases that surround the planet and trap heat, the bill sets up a system for pricing carbon emissions. It aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 17 percent by 2020 and by 83 percent by 2050 (compared to 2005 levels). It offers significant enticements to lure the support of various industries, including loans for nuclear power plants and incentives for the use of natural gas. It also supports the development of alternative fuels, which would reduce our dependence on petroleum.

But Graham abruptly withdrew from negotiations a few weeks ago, saying the Deepwater Horizon disaster required a "timeout." He noted that the accident has made it more difficult to get Democratic votes for expanded offshore drilling, which he believes is an essential part of any comprehensive energy bill. (After the oil rig explosion, Kerry and Lieberman rewrote portions of the bill dealing with offshore drilling, sharply limiting operations in some

areas.) That aside, it's also true that Graham was not having much luck persuading his Republican colleagues to support the bill.

Despite Graham's withdrawal, Kerry insists that the energy bill, which he and Lieberman unveiled earlier this month, "has a huge amount of support. ... Everybody is uncomfortable with a little something, but that's a sign of a good bill." He pointed out that several energy company executives have signed on. So has energy investor T. Boone Pickens, a former archenemy who contributed to the "Swift-boat" ads that helped to sink Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign. But Kerry's unlikely alliance with Pickens isn't enough. Without Republican votes to end a threatened filibuster, the Senate bill goes nowhere. (The House passed an energy bill last summer.)

Kerry says he believes Graham will back the bill eventually. He also expects industry executives -- many of whom see his bill as a preferred alternative to tougher regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency -- to persuade Republicans to sign on. "My hope is these groups are going to reach out to their senators," Kerry told me last week.

Meanwhile, on the Florida Panhandle, restaurateurs and innkeepers brace for cancellations. The state's tourism officials are fighting back with a public relations campaign (partly financed by BP) to persuade beachgoers that everything is normal. "We're fighting hysterical hype here as well as the spill," tourism industry spokeswoman Carol Dover told Time magazine.

So far, weather and wind have helped to keep the slick away from Florida's beaches, although experts say oil has already drifted into the Gulf's "loop current," which could carry it around the Keys and northward to Georgia's coast. How bad must it get for our politicians to start reducing the country's dependence on petroleum? □

Redistricting Away Consent

Jeremy Lott

America was founded on the bedrock notion of the consent of the governed. In the past, that consent was often and easily withdrawn by the governed. Pollster Scott Rasmussen points out in his new book, *In Search of Self-Governance*, that high incumbency reelection rates are a recent and troubling change in our politics. The House of Representatives used to enjoy frequent and massive turnovers. In the election of 1948, that body saw a 75-seat swing in favor of the Democrats, ushering out the so-called "do nothing" Republican Congress.

What has changed since then? Gerrymandering, on a massive and, some say, troublesome scale. Though it's not a new phenomenon, the attempts at gerrymandering - drawing up districts with the clear intention of creating "safe" seats for certain select candidates to win - have become more effective and much more common, thanks to more accurate survey techniques and perhaps also to a general decline of shame. In many states, it's simply the normal way of doing business.

Every ten years it comes time to reapportion House seats and state districts according to new U.S. Census population figures. This sparks pitched struggles in state legislatures across the nation. Typically, the party in power uses the redistricting process to its advantage. It deals with troublesome voting blocs either by spreading them out over several districts or by what we might call electoral quarantine. That is when a number of guaranteed districts are created where a candidate from the opposition party can expect to coast to reelection.

The minority party or representatives of distinct voting blocs are usually complicit in maintaining the current corrupt system, or at least not distressed to see reforms fail. Why? Because they like predictability, and the current system guarantees a certain number of safe seats for minority and minority party candidates. Witness the recent redistricting debacle in the Illinois legislature. Illinois Democrats had offered a state constitutional amendment to "reform" the current system by allowing redistricting

disputes to be settled by a simple majority vote of the overwhelmingly Democratic legislature. It passed the state senate but failed in the house, where the Dems are one vote short of a three-fifths supermajority. Republicans opposed the plan, preferring a more non-partisan proposal put forward by the League of Women Voters, but neither the League nor the GOP did enough footwork to put that proposal on the ballot.

So the old system wins again. If worst comes to worst, duly appointed members of legislature will literally have to pull the winner's name out of a hat to settle redistricting disputes. "How embarrassing is that?" asks the editorial board of the Chicago Tribune. The Trib's question assumes two things. One, embarrassment is a relevant consideration in politics today. Two, experienced pols can be convinced to vote in favor of a system that would make their reelection efforts more difficult. And, who knows? Maybe in places other than Illinois they can be convinced to do just that. In New York state, for instance, former New York mayor Ed Koch is calling for redistricting reform in New York and all the likely candidates for governor have said they support reform.

That doesn't mean voters will be happy with the results. Most redistricting reforms are aimed at taking politics out of the process, yet such change can just as easily give partisans legitimacy to do what they want. In Montana, reported the Billings Gazette, Republicans recently showed up "in droves" to plead with the Districting and Apportionment Commission to knock off all the de facto gerrymandering. Critics charge that rampant gerrymandering leads to a less responsive politics and it's hard to contest that point. If incumbents really feared being tossed out, they would care more about what their constituents thought. If the House of Representatives was still prone to the wild swings of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it's hard to imagine that the House leadership would have gambled on Obamacare, for instance. Now that consent tends to be more "redrawn" than withdrawn, it simply matters less. □

Candidatos Santos y Mockus en reñido duelo por la presidencia en Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) - El candidato oficialista del Partido de la U, Juan Manuel Santos, y el independiente Antanas Mockus, se encuentran en un empate técnico en la intención de voto a una semana de las elecciones presidenciales de Colombia, reveló el sábado una encuesta de Ipsos Napoleón Franco. El resultado del sondeo, el último antes de las votaciones, confirmó que la actual campaña es una de las más disputadas en la historia reciente del país y que ninguno de los candidatos obtendría la mayoría absoluta en la primera vuelta, por lo que deberá realizarse una segunda, el 20 de junio.



Foto de archivo del 23 de marzo de un debate en Bogotá con los candidatos a la presidencia de Colombia Antanas Mockus (I), Noemí Sanín (C) y Juan Manuel Santos (D). REUTERS/John Vizcaino

En la encuesta, Santos, ex ministro de Defensa del presidente Alvaro Uribe, logró un 34 por ciento de la intención de voto; mientras que Mockus, ex alcalde de Bogotá y matemático de origen lituano, alcanzó un 32 por ciento.

El margen de error de la encuesta, que incluyó 1.856 entrevistas, es de un 2,8 por ciento, por lo que técnicamente se trata de un empate para la primera vuelta que se realizará el 30 de mayo.

En una segunda vuelta, si ninguno logra la mayoría de votos en la primera votación, Mockus vencería a Santos con un 45 por ciento de las preferencias, contra un 40 por ciento del candidato del Gobierno, reveló el sondeo.

En segunda vuelta, como lo pronostican las encuestas, serán decisivas las alianzas con los candidatos y partidos políticos que sean derrotados en la primera. □

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